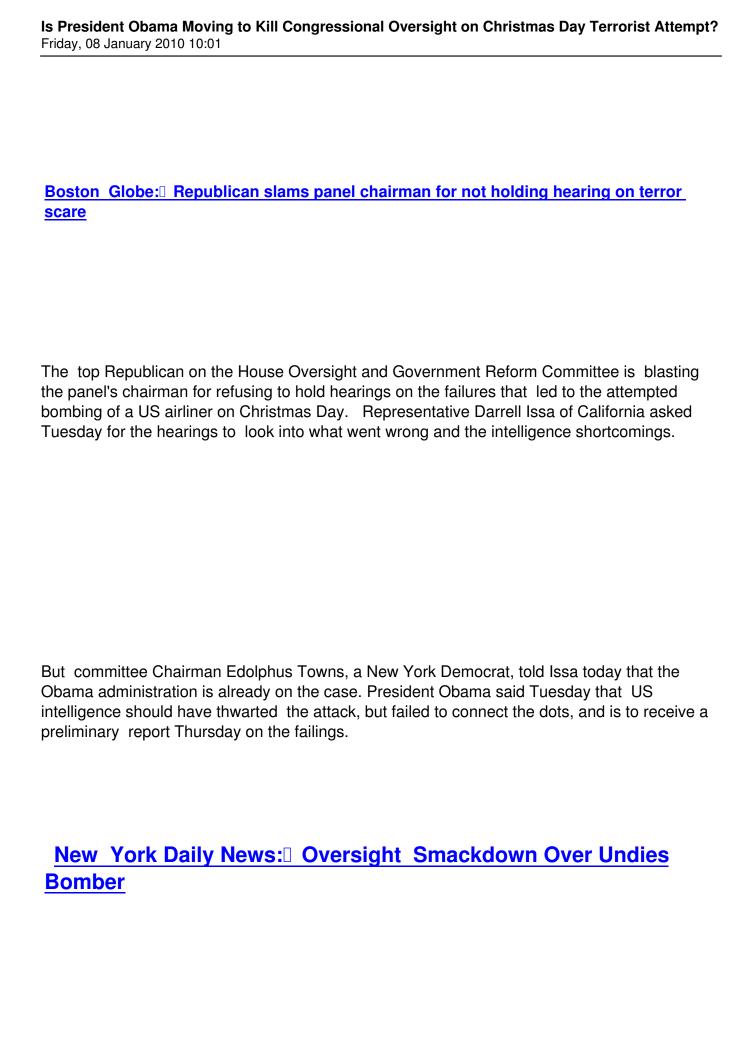
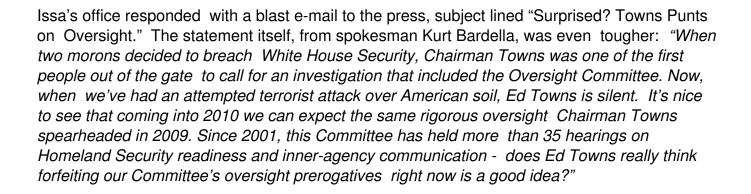
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Republicans on the House Oversight and Government Reform committee accused their Democratic chairman of "dereliction of duty" Thursday evening because of his rejection of a GOP request to hold a hearing on the botched terror attack aboard a U.Sbound jet. The unu sually harsh letter, signed by all fifteen committee Republicans save Ranking Member Darrell Issa (R-Calif.), to Chairman Ed Towns (D-N.Y.) calls his response to the security breach "wholly inadequate."
"Your resistance to hold hearings and initiate a thorough investigation threatens to leave the American people with the impression that providing partisan political cover is more important
A Democratic committee aide said Towns wants the GAO investigation, but is ultimately open
to hearings.





Politico: Committee passes on terror hearing

One House committee is taking a pass on holding hearings on the botched terrorism attack aboard a U.S.-bound jetliner, opting instead for a Government Accountability Office report on airline security issues.

House Oversight and Government Reform Chairman Edolphus Towns (D-N.Y.) sent a letter Wednesday to ranking member Darrell Issa (R-Calif.), bucking Issa's request to hold a hearing on the Christmas Day incident.